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### **TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN - MONROE ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**



KEY WEST, FL, September 9, 2020 –

The Take Stock in Children scholarship application process is now open for eligible Monroe County middle and high school students who meet the income and academic guidelines. We encourage eligible students to apply for this unique college scholarship & career readiness opportunity.

Chuck Licis-Masson, Executive Director of the Monroe County Education Foundation and Program Coordinator for Take Stock in Children Monroe emphasized, “Take Stock in Children is a transformative program which aligns mentorship and college/career readiness with a Florida Prepaid tuition scholarship.” TSIC scholars meet once a week for 45 minutes during the school year with a volunteer mentor, they participate in college and career readiness workshops, and they receive regular educational and career coaching from a TSIC College Success Coach. “For 20 years, Take Stock in Children has changed lives in Monroe County by providing a pathway to post-secondary education and success!” Licis-Masson added.

Eligible TSIC students sign a contract promising to earn passing grades each grading period, maintain good attendance and behavior, attend college/career readiness workshops, meet weekly with their mentor, and remain crime and drug free. Upon successful completion of the Take Stock in Children program, high school graduates receive access to a Florida Prepaid tuition scholarship.

“Whether their goal is to earn an associate’s or bachelor’s degree, or an industry certificate,” Licis-Masson said, “our team of TSIC success coaches and mentors along with their teachers and parents help guide and motivate the TSIC scholars towards their dream of attending the Florida college, university, or technical college or their choice.”

Take Stock in Children is the flagship program of the Monroe County Education Foundation. Nearly 800 scholarships have been granted to Monroe County students since 2000. More than 90% of those students have earned a college degree or career certificate, well above the national average.

For additional information or to access the application, visit [www.monroecountyedfound.com/eligibility](http://www.monroecountyedfound.com/eligibility) or contact the Take Stock in Children office at 305-293-1546.

## **TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN**

### **College Scholarship Opportunity**

### **Your child may be eligible!**



**To be considered for a TSIC College Scholarship opportunity, your child must:**

- Have a U.S. Social Security number
- Be enrolled in a Monroe County Public School, grades 7-10
- Have grades of As, Bs, and Cs in all classes
- Have passing scores on state assessments (FSA & EOC)
- Meet financial eligibility requirements established by the TSIC Program (see chart below)
- Sign a contract agreeing to remain crime and drug free, attend school regularly, maintain a 2.5 GPA, and meet with a mentor once a week

***The applicant's 2019-2020 academic records will be reviewed prior to application approval.***  
**Please review the financial qualifications below:**

Household Size	Annual Income
2	31,894
3	40,182
4	48,470
5	56,758
6	65,046
7	73,334
8	81,622

**Applicant MUST provide 2019 Federal Income Tax Returns filed by parent(s) or guardian(s) to verify income eligibility.**

**NOTE**  
 Family income **cannot** exceed the levels shown in the chart above. Three consecutive years of Federal Income Tax Returns (2017, 2018, 2019) are required with the application. The financial guidelines are effective from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Income guidelines provided by the Florida Department of Education.

**Contact your Take Stock in Children College Success Coach at a middle or high school near you for more information and an application:**

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*Request and submission of a completed application does not ensure a scholarship award.*

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